GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

H.M & F.W. DEPT -COVID-19 – Prescribing the Rate for CT/HRCT Test in all the Diagnostic Centres, Scanning Centres and Hospitals in the State – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 47 Dated: 25-04-2021.

Read the following:

1. Section 2 of the epidemic diseases act 1897.
2. Fourth report of AP State expert committee on clinical management of Covid-19.
3. G.O.MS.No.70, HM & FW(I) Department, dated 08.07.2020.
4. G.O.MS.No.77, HM & FW(I) Department, dated 20.07.2020 .

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ORDER:

As per the reference 1st cited, the Government is endowed with Power to take Special Measures and prescribe regulations as to dangerous epidemic disease. In The ref.2nd cited, it was reported that "it is found that exorbitant charges are levied for CT Scan which results in reduced accessibility and affordability leading to missing an opportunity to identify the disease early and also to grade the severity which has an impact on Clinical Management. The rate for each CT Scan may be fixed across facilities and public be made known of it."

2. In the current second wave of COVID – 19, many cases are being reported. It was also reported that the cases have to be admitted and treated on the basis of CT / HRCT Scan and clinical picture without wasting any further time and to save precious lives. If this important diagnostic test is not affordable and accessible to general public, then the disease will spread in the community leading to more number of cases and resultant burden on the health infrastructure.

3. After careful examination, Government hereby decide to make CT/HRCT accessible and affordable to all by regulating rates of CT / HRCT Scan to maximum of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) including all consumables like PPE, Mask, Spread Sheets etc. No hospital or diagnostic centre in the State shall charge more than Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three thousand only) for CT /HRCT Scan.

4. All the Diagnostic Centres, Scanning Centres and Hospitals which are providing CT scan for suspected covid positive cases shall register themselves in the below website: http://dashboard.covid19.ap.gov.in/ctscan. For every CT/HRCT Scan done, following details shall be uploaded: Name, Phone Number, CT / HRCT Image and signed copy of the CT / HRCT Report. These details shall be made available to all Hospitals in the State to access and make admission on the basis of the image and report.

5. The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare is directed to implement the orders and the District Medical and Health Officers in the State to monitor the implementation in Diagnostic Centres, Scanning Centres and Hospitals.

6. These orders shall come into force with immediate effect.

7. Any deviations to this order will be viewed seriously and suitable action will be taken.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, AP Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Vijayawada.
All the District Medical and Health Officers in the State
All the District Collectors & Magistrate in the State.
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The Additional Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble CM.
The Special Officer to the Hon'ble Chief Minister .
The OSD to the Hon'ble Minister for Health, Medical and Family Welfare
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